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H. RES. 572

Honoring the 225th anniversary of the signing of the Articles of
Confederation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PLATTS submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring the 225th anniversary of the signing of the Articles
of Confederation.

Whereas the Continental Congress met in York, Pennsylvania, from September 30, 1777, to June 27, 1778, to debate the very same issues that face Congress today, such as individual freedoms, taxes, and State versus Federal rights;

Whereas on November 15, 1777, the Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation in the York County Courthouse, thereby establishing the first document that united the 13 original colonies as the United States of America;

Whereas the Articles of Confederation established the first legal system until the adoption of the Constitution;

Whereas the Continental Congress, in York, Pennsylvania, proclaimed the first Thanksgiving Day as a National Day of Thanksgiving and Praise on December 18, 1777;

Whereas the Continental Congress ratified the French Treaty of Amity and Commerce and the Treaty of Alliance at the York County Courthouse, York, Pennsylvania, on May 4, 1778;

Whereas the Continental Congress adjourned from the York County Courthouse on June 27, 1778, after receiving a letter from General Washington stating that the British army had vacated Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the Continental Congress departed York, Pennsylvania, to return to Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

Whereas November 15, 2002, is the 225th anniversary of the signing of the Articles of Confederation in York, Pennsylvania: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives, on the
 2 occasion of the 225th anniversary of the signing of the
 3 Articles of Confederation in York, Pennsylvania, congratu-
 4 lates the City and County of York and its residents for
 5 their important contributions to the birth of our Nation,
 6 the United States of America.

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